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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AO, PINS, CG

SUBJECT: CHIPENDA'S FORCES JOIN THOSE OF FNLA

1. DANIEL CHIPENDA CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE IN KINSHASA FEBRUARY 21 AND SET STAGE FOR DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY DESCRIBING CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS OF HIS FACTION OF MPLA IN RECENT PAST. SAID THERE HAD BEEN PLENARY MEETING AT NINDE, IN ANGOLA, WHERE IT WAS DECIDED TO MAKE OVERTURES TO UNITA, FNLA AND NETO FACTION OF MPLA IN VIEW OF FINDING POLITICAL SOLUTIONS. UNITA AND FNLA HAD SHOWN UNDERSTANDING, BUT NETO HAD UNILATERALLY RESORTED TO FORCE. THIS WAS BOTH PROVOCATION OF CHIPENDA FORCES AND DEFINANCE OF AUTHORITY OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING ORDER. ATTACK OF FEBRUARY 13 ON CHIPENDA OFFICES IN LUANDA HAD BEEN REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES, DEMONSTRATING THAT THE ONLY TWO MILITARY FORCES OF CONSEQUENCE IN ANGOLA ARE THOSE OF FNLA

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AND CHIPENDA.

2. CHIPENDA THEN READ FORMAL STATEMENT WHOSE MAIN POINTS WERE THAT HIS MOVEMENT WAS CONSIDERING ITS NEXT STEP CAREFULLY, BUT IN MEANTIME ITS FORCES WOULD COME UNDER FNLA COMMAND WHILE RETAINING OWN OFFICERS. IN QUESTION PERIOD THAT FOLLOWED, CHIPENDA SAID HIS GROUP WOULD MAKE DECISION ABOUT POLITICAL FUSION WITH FNLA IN COMING DAYS. ZAIRE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY (AZAP) SUBSEQUENTLY QUOTED HOLDEN ROBERTO AS CONFIRMING BY PHONE THAT "A POLITICAL ACT" COULD BE EXPECTED SOON.

3. ZAIRE TELEVISION EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS GOOD NEWS FOR ALL OF AFRICA AND JUSTIFIED PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S POLICY OF GIVING HELP AND HOSPITALITY TO ALL ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, UNSELFISHLY AND WITHOUT ULTERIOR MOTIVE.  
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